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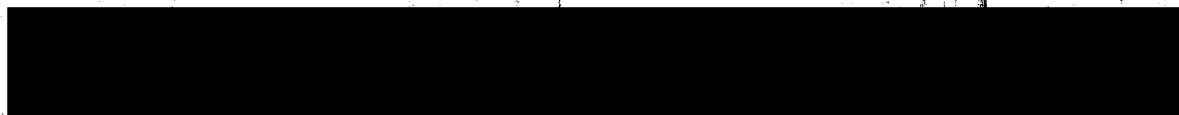
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SUBJECT: MODERATE POSITION ON CANAL DEFENSE ISSUE

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THE TORRIJOS GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO ALLOW THE US TO RETAIN SOME ROLE IN DEFENSE OF THE PANAMA CANAL AFTER THE SIGNING OF A NEW TREATY, BUT IS TAKING PAINS TO AVOID GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT PANAMA IS CEDING ANY TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION TO THE US. ADVISERS TO THE PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM ARE DRAWING UP A POSITION PAPER ON THE SUBJECT OF A STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT WITH THE US, WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE US TO RETAIN SOME MILITARY BASES.

THE PANAMANIAN RECOGNIZE THAT DEFENSE OF THE CANAL IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEGOTIATING ISSUES FOR THE US, AND THEY ARE READY TO BE FLEXIBLE ON THIS ISSUE IN ORDER TO

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RECENTLY THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEGUN HOLDING A SERIES OF SEMINARS WITH BUSINESSMEN, STUDENTS, AND OTHER GROUPS TO EXPLAIN WHY PANAMA NEEDS TO ACCEPT LESS THAN WHAT ULTRA-NATIONALISTS WANT OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. TORRIJOS WANTS TO BE SURE THAT ANY TREATY THAT MAY BE EVENTUALLY WORKED OUT HAS BROAD PUBLIC SUPPORT. E-2 IMPDET.H

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